

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WORKSHOP ON RURAL HOUSING AND HABITAT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has organised National Workshops on Rural Housing and Habitat in collaboration with Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith aims of organisation of such workshops;
- (c) the funds allocated by the Union Government to various non-Governmental agencies under various rural housingschemes during the last one year and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding misutilisation of funds by NGOs,especially from the State of Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

- (a) & (b) A `National Workshop on Rural Housing and Habitat Development`was organized by the Ministry of Rural Development in collaboration with CAPART on 18-19th October, 2002 at New Delhi. The purpose of the Workshop was to sensitize Government and Non Government Agencies about opportunities and fund availabilityunder the various Rural Housing Schemes being implemented by the Government of India and to provide a platform for increased Government - NGO interaction and to identify critical issues (both at policy and implementation levels) which require immediate attention of the Ministry of Rural Development, the State Governments and NGOs.
- (c) Funds are released to NGOs for implementation of the projects under 2 housing schemes namely Innovative Stream for Rural Housing and Habitat Development and Rural Building Centres . An amount of Rs. 258.86 lakh during 2002-2003 and Rs. 68.40 lakh during 2003-2004 (so far) has been released by the Ministry of Rural Development to variousNGOs under the project based rural housing schemes .
- (d) No specific complaint have been received regarding misutilisation of funds by NGOs from the State of Karnataka.
- (e) The question does not arise.